

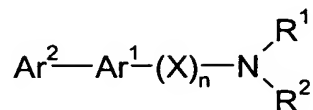
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



I

wherein

Ar¹ is arylene, heteroarylene, substituted arylene or substituted heteroarylene, wherein a ring atom of Ar¹ connected to Ar² is separated from a ring atom of Ar¹ connected to X by at least one atom;

Ar² is aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl or substituted heteroaryl;

n is 0 or 1;

X is a divalent group that separates groups connected thereto by one or two atoms;

R¹ is a monovalent C₁₋₂₀ group comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from S, O, N and P;

R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀acyl, substituted C₁₋₁₀acyl, substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkylene, or substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkylene, wherein said alkylene is linked to a ring carbon of Ar¹.

2. (currently amended) A compound [[of]] according to claim 1, wherein

Ar¹ is an arylene, heteroarylene, substituted arylene or substituted heteroarylene, wherein a ring atom of Ar¹ connected to Ar² is separated from a ring atom of Ar¹ connected to X by at least one atom;

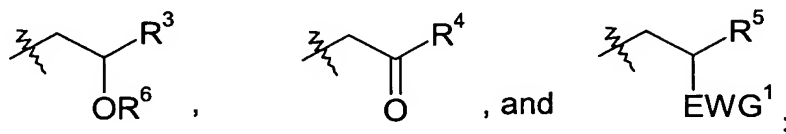
Ar² is an aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl or substituted heteroaryl;

X is -CH₂-, or -CH₂-CH₂-;

R² is C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkylene, or substituted C₁₋₃ alkylene, wherein said alkylene is linked to a ring carbon of Ar¹.

3. (currently amended) A compound ~~[[of]]~~ according to claim 2,
wherein

R¹ is selected from:



wherein R³ is optionally hydrogen, substituted C₁₋₁₀alkyl, optionally substituted C₅₋₁₂aryl, optionally substituted C₃₋₁₀heteroaryl, optionally substituted aryloxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted heteroaryloxy-C₁₋₆alkyl;

R⁴ and R⁵ are, independently, hydrogen, optionally substituted C₁₋₁₀alkyl, optionally substituted C₅₋₁₂aryl, optionally substituted C₃₋₁₀heteroaryl, amino group, -NHC(=O)-O-R⁷, or -NHC(=O)-R⁷, wherein R⁷ is C₁₋₆alkyl or aryl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, optionally substituted C₁₋₆alkyl, or optionally substituted aryl;
and

EWG¹ is an electron withdrawing group.

4. (original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

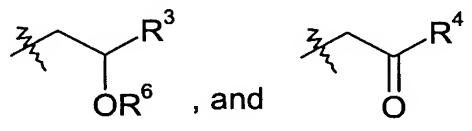
Ar¹ is optionally substituted *para*-phenylene, optionally substituted six-membered *para*-heteroarylene, or optionally substituted monocyclic five-membered *meta*-heteroarylene;

Ar² is optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted monocyclic five or six-membered heteroaryl;

X is -CH₂-, or -CH₂-CH₂-;

R² is C₁₋₃ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₃ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkylene, or substituted C₁₋₃ alkylene, wherein said alkylene is linked to a ring carbon of Ar¹.

R¹ is selected from:



wherein R³ is optionally substituted C₁₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted phenoxy-methyl;

R^4 is, independently, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, amino, $-NHC(=O)-O-R^7$, or $-NHC(=O)-R^7$, wherein R^7 is C_{1-6} alkyl or phenyl; and

R^6 is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl.

5. (original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

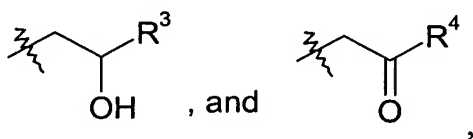
Ar^1 is *para*-phenylene or *para*-pyridylene;

Ar^2 is a phenyl *ortho*-substituted with an electron withdrawing group, or a thienyl *ortho*-substituted with an electron withdrawing group;

X is $-CH_2-$;

R^2 is methyl.

R^1 is selected from:



wherein R^3 is optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted phenoxy-methyl; and

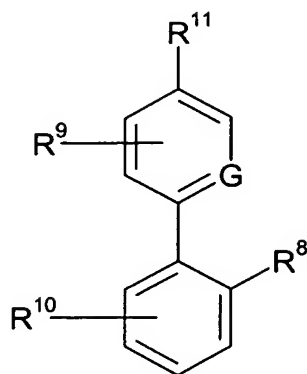
R^4 is $-NHC(=O)-O-R^7$, wherein R^7 is C_{1-6} alkyl.

6. (original) A compound according to claim 5, wherein

Ar^2 is a phenyl *ortho*-substituted with $-Cl$, $-F$, $-OMe$, $-OEt$, $-O-CH(CH_3)_2$, $-CF_3$, $-NO_2$, or $-CN$; or thienyl *ortho*-substituted with $-Cl$, $-F$, $-OMe$, $-OEt$, $-O-CH(CH_3)_2$, $-CF_3$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, wherein said *ortho*-substituted Ar^2 is optionally further substituted at its non-*ortho* position; and

R^3 is phenyl, substituted phoxymethyl or substituted phenyl.

7. (original) A compound of formula II, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



II

wherein

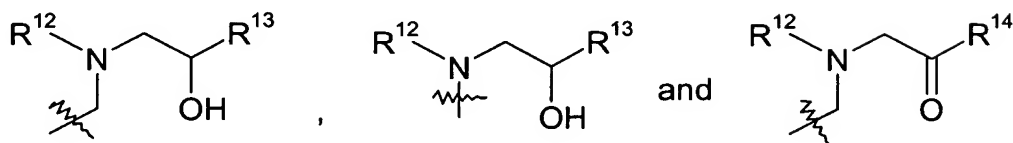
G is N or CH;

R⁸ is selected from -H, -CH₃, -CF₃, -NO₂ and -CN;

R⁹ is selected from -H and C₁₋₃alkyl;

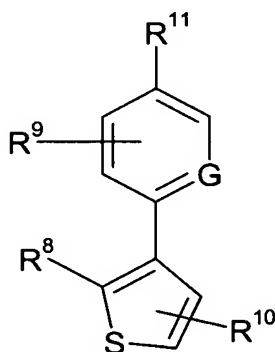
R¹⁰ is selected from -H and C₁₋₃alkyl; and

R¹¹ is selected from

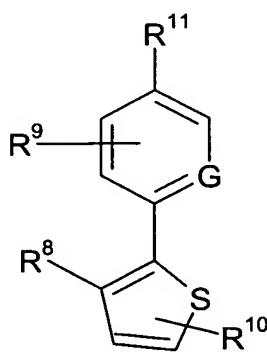


wherein R¹² is H or methyl, R¹³ is phenyl or substituted phenoxyethyl, R¹⁴ is -NHC(=O)OR¹⁵, wherein R¹⁵ is C₁₋₆alkyl.

8. (original) A compound of formula III or IV, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



III



IV

wherein

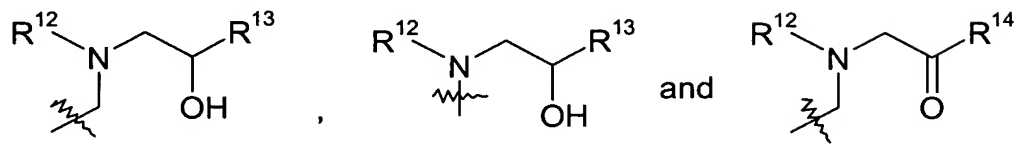
G is N or CH;

R⁸ is selected from -H, -CH₃, -CF₃, -NO₂ and -CN;

R⁹ is selected from -H and C₁₋₃alkyl;

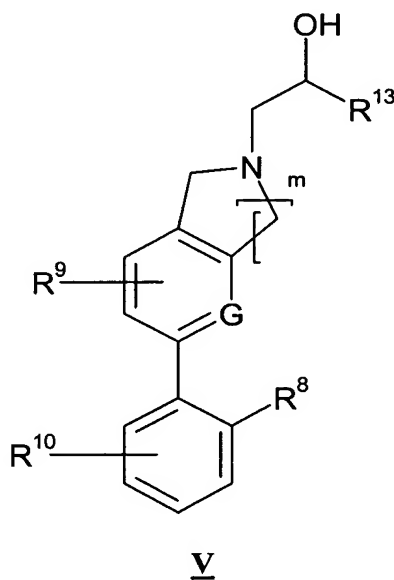
R¹⁰ is selected from -H and C₁₋₃alkyl; and

R¹¹ is selected from



wherein R¹² is H or methyl, R¹³ is phenyl or substituted phenoxyethyl, R¹⁴ is -NHC(=O)OR¹⁵, wherein R¹⁵ is C₁₋₆alkyl.

9. (original) A compound of formula V, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein

G is N or CH;

m is 1 or 2;

R⁸ is selected from -H, -CH₃, -CF₃, -NO₂ and -CN;

R⁹ is selected from -H and C₁₋₃alkyl;

R¹⁰ is selected from -H and C₁₋₃alkyl; and

R¹³ is phenyl or substituted phenoxyethyl.

10. (currently amended) A compound [[is]] selected from:

- α -[[Methyl[(2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
 α -[[[(2'-Methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
 α -[[[(2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
 α -[[Methyl-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
1-(3,4-Dichlorophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]- 2-propanol;
 α -[(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)methyl]-3,4-dihydro-6-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2(1*H*)-isoquinolineethanol;
Ethyl [[methyl-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-acetyl]carbamate;
3,4-Dihydro- α -phenyl-7-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2(1*H*)-isoquinolineethanol;
1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]amino]- 2-propanol;
 α -[(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)methyl]-1,3-dihydro-5-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2*H*-isoindole-2-ethanol;
1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]- 2-propanol;
 α -[[Methyl-[[6-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-pyridinyl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
 α -[[Methyl[(2'-nitro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
(α^1S)- α -[[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
(α^1R)- α -[[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

α -[[Methyl[[2-methyl-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

N-(2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-*N*-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]acetamide;

N-(2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-*N*-methyl-2'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamide;

β -Methoxy-*N*-methyl-*N*-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]-benzeneethanamine;

3,4-Dihydro- α -phenyl-6-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2(1*H*)-isoquinolineethanol;

α -[[Methyl[[5-[1-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl]-2-thienyl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol ;

1-[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[(2',3'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

α -[[Methyl-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

4-Chloro- α -[[[(2'-chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

1-[[[(2',5'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

α -[[[(2',5'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

α -[[Methyl[[4-(3-methyl-2-thienyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

1-[4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)phenoxy]-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

1-[4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)phenoxy]-3-[[2'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-propanol;

β -Ethoxy-*N*-methyl-*N*-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]benzeneethanamine;

N-Methyl-*N*-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]glycylglycine, ethyl ester;

N-Ethyl-2-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]acetamide;

α -[(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)methyl]-3,4-dihydro-7-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2(1*H*)-isoquinolineethanol;

α -[[Methyl[(2,2',5'-trimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

1-[[[2'-Chloro-5'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

4'-[[[3-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-hydroxypropyl]methylamino]methyl]-6-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile;

1-[[2',5'-Dichloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[4-(2-Chloro-3-thienyl)phenyl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

4'-[[[3-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-hydroxypropyl]methylamino]methyl]-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbonitrile;

1-[[2'-Chloro-5'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[5'-Chloro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[(2'-nitro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

α -[[[4-(2-Chloro-3-thienyl)phenyl]methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

4'-[[[(2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)methylamino]methyl]-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbonitrile;

α -[[[(5'-Chloro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[Methyl[[2'-methyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

4'-[[[(2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)methylamino]methyl]-6-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile;

α -[[[(2'-Fluoro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2',5'-Dichloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

Methyl 3-[4-[[[(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)methylamino]methyl]phenyl]-2-thiophenecarboxylate;

α -[[Methyl[[2'-(1-methylethoxy)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2'-Ethoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[Methyl[[2'-(2-propenyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2'-Cyclopentyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[Methyl[[5'-methyl-2'-(1-methylethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2'-Methoxy-5'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-methyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

α -[[[[5-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-furanyl]methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-furanyl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[Methyl[[5-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-furanyl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

Methyl 3-[5-[[2-(hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)methylamino]methyl]-2-furanyl]-2-thiophenecarboxylate;

α -[[Methyl[[4-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

1-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-[4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenoxy]-2-propanol;

1-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

1-[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

α -[[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzeneethanol;

1-(1,1-Dimethylethoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

Methyl 2-hydroxy-2-methyl-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]propanoate;

(β^1S)- β -[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-cyclohexanepropanol;

1-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-3-[[2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

1-Phenoxy-3-[2-propenyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-(4-Nitrophenoxy)-3-[2-propenyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

(α^1S)- α -[[[2'-Methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

(α^1S)- α -[[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

(2R)-3-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-2-hydroxypropyl butanoate ;

(2R)-2-Hydroxy-3-[2-propenyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]propyl butanoate;

Methyl 2-hydroxy-2-methyl-3-[2-propenyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]propanoate;

1-(3-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

1-(4-Iodophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

1-(3-Fluorophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

Ethyl 4-[2-hydroxy-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]propoxy]-benzenecarboximidate;

1-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(3-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[(2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[(2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[(2',3'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

1-[[[(2',3'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

N,N-Diethyl-4-[3-[[[(5'-fluoro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-3-methoxybenzamide;

Ethyl 4-[3-[[[(5'-fluoro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]benzenecarboximidate;

4-[3-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-*N,N*-diethyl-3-methoxybenzamide;

2-[3-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]benzamide;

1-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(3-methoxyphenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-2-propanol;

Ethyl 4-[3-[[[4'-chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]benzenecarboximidate;

1-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

1-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

2-Fluoro- α -[[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-2-fluorobenzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2'-Chloro-6'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2',5'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-2-fluorobenzenemethanol;

4-Chloro- α -[[[(2',5'-dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[Methyl[[4-(4-methyl-3-thienyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[[[3-fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-propanol;

1-[[[3-Fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-(4-Fluorophenoxy)-3-[[[3-fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-propanol;

α -[[[[3-Fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

2-Fluoro- α -[[[[3-fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

4-Chloro- α -[[[[3-fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

1-[[[2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-fluorophenoxy)-2-propanol;

α -[[[[2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-2-fluorobenzenemethanol;

4-Chloro- α -[[[(2-chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

1-[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-fluorophenoxy)-2-propanol;

α -[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-2-fluorobenzenemethanol;

4-Chloro- α -[[[(2'-chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

α -[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenemethanol;

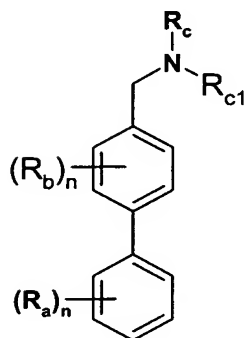
α -[[Methyl[[5-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-furanyl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

11-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1-10~~claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. |

16. (currently amended) A method for the therapy of pain in a warm-blooded animal, comprising the step of administering to said animal in need of such therapy a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of claims 1-10~~claim 1.

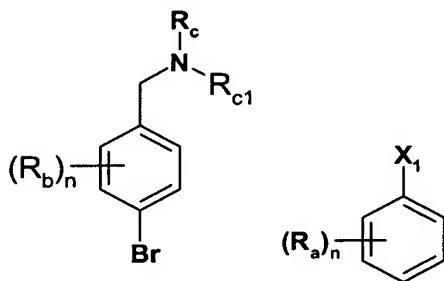
17. (original) A method for preparing a compound of formula X,



X

comprising the steps of

a) reacting a compound of formula IX with bis(pinacolato)diboron in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₄; and

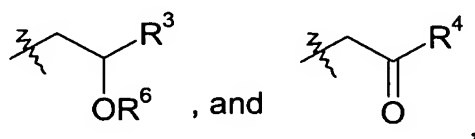


IX

VI

b) reacting a product of step a) with a compound of formula VI to form the compound of formula X,

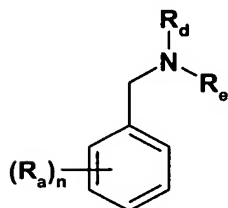
wherein R_a and R_b are independently selected from -H, C₁₋₆alkyl, -CF₃, -NO₂, and -CN; n is 1 or 2; R_c is selected from:



wherein R^3 is optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted phenoxy-methyl;

R^4 is $-NHC(=O)-O-R^7$, wherein R^7 is C_{1-6} alkyl; and R_{c1} is $-H$ or C_{1-3} alkyl.

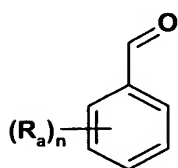
18. (original) A process for preparing a compound of formula XIII,



XIII

comprising the steps of:

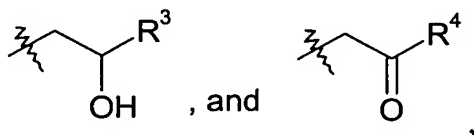
a) reacting a compound of formula XI with R_dR_eNH ; and



XI

b) reacting a product of step a) with $NaBH(OAc)_3$ to form the compound of formula XIII,

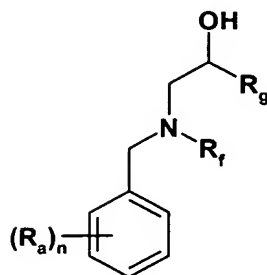
R_a is selected from optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl; n is 1 or 2; R_d and R_e are independently selected from $-H$, C_{1-3} alkyl,



wherein R^3 is optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted phenoxy-methyl,

R^4 is $-NHC(=O)-O-R^7$, wherein R^7 is C_{1-6} alkyl; wherein at least one of R_d and R_e contains an oxygen atom.

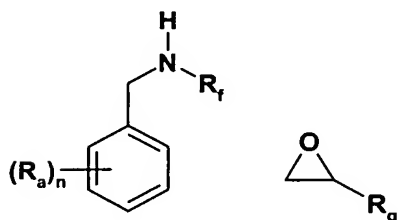
19. (original) A method for preparing a compound of formula XV,



XV

comprising the step of:

reacting a compound of formula XII with a compound of formula XIV,



XI

,

XIV

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wherein R_a is selected from optionally substituted aryl and optionally substituted heteroaryl; n is 1 or 2; R_f is $-H$ or C_{1-3} alkyl; and R_g is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted phoxymethyl.